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MacEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.
No. 53, Queen's Road East,
(OPPOSITE THE COMMISARIAT),
RE-NEW LANDING, EX
BRITISH BARQUE
"STILLWATER."

DEVOS'S NONPAREIL
BRILLIANT
KEROSENE OIL,
150° test.

SPARTAN COOKING
STOVES.

FAIRBANKS SCALES.
OAKUM.
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TURPENTINE.
EX "AMERICAN MAIL."

CALIFORNIA
COMPANY'S BISCUITS in 5 lb
tins, and loose.

Alphabetical B.I.S.
CUTS.
Fancy Sweet Mixed
BISCUITS.

Ginger CAKES.
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Cracked WHEAT.
OATMEAL.
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CORNMEAL.
TOPOCAN BUTTER.

Eastern and California CHEESE.
Boneless CODFISH.

Prime HAM and BACON.
Bagio Brand Condensed MILK.

PEACH and APPLE BUTTER.
Pickled OX-TONGUES.

Family PIG-PORK in kegs and pieces.
Paragon MACKEREL in 5 lb cans.

Best Ideal SALMON in 5 lb cans.
Cutting's Dessert FRUITS in 24 lb cans.

Assorted Canned VEGETABLES.
Potted SAUSAGE and Sausage

MEAT.
Stuffed PEPPERS.
Assorted PICKLES.

MINCEMEAT.
COMB HONEY in Original Frames.

Richardson & Robbin's Celebrated Fotted
MEATS.
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Lunch TONGUE.
McCarthy's Sugar LEMONADE.
Clam CHOWDER.

Smoked SALMON.
Green TURTLE in 24 lb cans.
&c., &c., &c.

A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF STORES,
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VAN HOUTEN'S COCOA.
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FRENCH PLUMS.
PATE DE FOIE GRAS.

MINCEMEAT.
SAUSAGES.

BRAUN.
ISIGNY BUTTER.

DANISH BUTTER.
BREAKFAST TONGUES.

ANCHOVIES.
ASPARAGUS.

SOUPS, &c.

WINES AND SPIRITS.

CHAMPAGNES.
HISSEUX'S MONOPOLE & WHITE

SEAL.
VEUVE CLICQUOT PONSARDIN.
JULES MUMM & Co., pinto & quart.

CLARETS.
CHATEAU MARGAUX.

CHATEAU LA ROSE, pinto & quart.
CHATEAU LAITE, " "
J.B. GRAVES, " "
BREAKFAST CLARET, " "

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SACORE'S OLD INVALID PORT
(1848).
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BRANDY, WHISKY, LIQUEURS, &c.—
1 and 3-star HENNESSY'S BRANDY.
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FINER OLD BOURBON WHISKY.
EXTRA No. 1 WHISKY.
ROYAL GLENDEE WHISKY.

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BITTERS.
&c., &c., &c.

SPECIAL SELECTED
CIGARS.

Fine New Season's CUMSHAW TEA, in
5 and 10 cent packets.

BREAKFAST CONGO @ 25 cents p. lb.

SEASIDE LIBRARY, 15 to 25 cents.

FRANKLIN SQUARE LIBRARY, 15 to
25 cents.

MUMM'S PATENT FIRE-PROOF
SAVES, and CASH BOXES, at
Manufacturer's Prices.

Hongkong, June 1, 1882.

Mails.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,

COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, ISMAILIA,
PORT SAID, SYRIAN PORTS,

NAPLES, MARSEILLES, AND PORTS
OF BRAZIL, AND LA PLATA.

Also,
BOMBAY, MAHE, ST. DENIS, AND
PORT LOUIS.

ON THURSDAY, the 29th day of June,
1882, at Noon, the Company's S.S.

TRAUADY, Commandant PASQUEL, with
MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE,

and CARGO, will leave this Port for the
above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for
London as well as for Marseilles, and ac-

cepted in transit through Marseilles for the
principal ports of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted until
Noon of 28th June, 1882.

Cargo will be received on board until 4
p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m., on

the 29th June, 1882. (Parcels are not
to be sent on board; they must be left at

the Agency's Office.)
Contents and value of Packages are re-

quired.
For further particulars, apply at the
Company's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.

Hongkong, June 19, 1882. j20

Occidental & Oriental Steam-
Ship Company.

MAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS
TO JAPAN, THE UNITED

STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND
SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE.

THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS,
AND

ATLANTIC & OTHER CONNECTING
STEAMERS.

THE S.S. ARABIC will be despatched
for San Francisco via Yokohama,

Bagio Brand Condensed MILK.
PEACH and APPLE BUTTER.

Pickled OX-TONGUES.
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Hongkong, June 1, 1882.

Notices to Consignees.

SHIRE LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM LONDON, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship *Admiral*, DAVIES,
Commander, having arrived from the

above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby
informed that their Goods—with the exception

of Opium—are being landed at their
risk into the Godowns of the Undersigned

at Wharfedale, whence and/or from the Wharves
or Boats delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, un-
less notice to the contrary be given before

6 p.m. TO-DAY.
No Claims will be admitted after the

Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods
remaining after the 3rd Proximo will be

subject to suit.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
ADAMSON, BELL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, June 27, 1882. j24

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of the following Cargo
are requested to send in their Bills of

Lading to the Undersigned for counter-
signature, and take immediate delivery.

This Cargo has been landed and stored at
their risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Ex. *Tranquilly*.

G. B. 1 case Conserves, Order, from Saigon.
Ex *Sindh*.

D.M.C. (in hand), 745/67=4 cases Cottons,
Order, from London.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.

Hongkong, June 24, 1882.

Today's Advertisements.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
FOR SINGAPORE AND PENANG.

The Co.'s Steamship
"Sarpent,"

Captain WARD, will be
despatched on or about

the 3rd July.
For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, June 28, 1882.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.
The American Ship

"*McTear*,"
Frederic, Master, will load here

for the above Port, and will
have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, June 28, 1882.

FOR NEW YORK.
The 3/3 L.L. American Ship

"*McTear*,"
Frederic, Master, will load here

for the above Port, and will
have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, June 28, 1882.

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION
COMPANY, LIMITED.

FROM SINGAPORE, PENANG AND
SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship *Peking*, hav-
ing arrived from the above Ports,

Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested
to send in their Bills of Lading to the

Undersigned for counter-signature, and to
take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge will be
towed land and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, June 28, 1882. j26

THE CHINA JAPAN AND KOREAN
CURIO DEPOTS.

(The oldest Curio Business in Japan),
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL.

N. MCLEOD,
Nos. 28 & 77A, MAIN STREET, YOKOHAMA.

N.B.—Just received on Consignment,
THE FINEST PRIVATE COLLECTION

OF CURIOS IN JAPAN.
Foreign Residents in China would do well

to apply through their AGENTS in JAPAN,
if they wish to acquire some of these

Gifts of Art.

HISTORY OF KOREA.
Translated from the original in the Tokio

Library; the first and only History of
that country.

ILLUSTRATED, PRICE, \$2.00.

MAP AND CHART OF KOREA.
WITH statistics and description of the

country, compiled with great care
from the only French Map, best English

Map, and Chinese and Japanese Map of
Korea, containing all the public roads.

Men-of-war, traders, and intending resi-
dents will find this Map and Chart useful.

PRICE, \$1.25.

Also,
TOURIST'S MAP AND CHART OF JAPAN, \$1.25.

HISTORY OF JAPAN and Illustrations,
2 Vols. (a few copies only) \$5.00.

(For sale).

GUIDE BOOK OF JAPAN, \$1.75.

By N. MCLEOD.

To be had at the principal Bookellers in
CHINA AND JAPAN.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.,
Hongkong, June, 1882. j26

TO LET.
FOUR Commodious HOUSES in

ROMBOLD TERRACE, Bonham Road.
Possession from 1st July.

Apply to
HONGKONG DISPENSARY,
Hongkong, June 10, 1882.

To-day's Advertisements.

THIRTEENTH DRAWING.

Chinese Imperial Government

Loan, 1874.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that in
conformity with the stipulation con-

tained in the Bonds of this Loan, the fol-
lowing Numbers of Bonds to be paid off at

Par in Hongkong on the 30th of June, and in
London on the 19th of August next, when the

Interest thereon will cease, were this
day drawn at the Office of the Hongkong

AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, 31
Leicester Street, E.C., in the presence of

GEORGE HENRY BURNETT, Esq., Accountant
of the said Corporation, and of the under-

signed Notary.

NUMBERS OF BONDS DRAWN.

313 £s. ds. Nos. —

1 1276 2533 3783 5043

27 1201 2567 3820 5061

54 1306 2571 3837 5081

60 1324 2595 3857 5101

98 1345 2604 3877 5122

103 1374 2626 3897 5149

123 1389 2656 3918 5165

147 1419 2668 3926 5187

163 1425 2697 3938 5204

191 1440 2707 3966 5230

25 1462 2738 3983 5254

which would go far to elucidate much that we have said in the foregoing description, particularly the geographical details.

The China Coast Meteorological Service, centered in Zikawei, under the superintendence of Poro Dechevrons, having been fairly inaugurated, the question naturally arises what has become of the long-talked-of Hongkong Observatory Scheme. It may be well to remind our readers that as far back as 1877-78 an allotment was made in the Colonial Estimates for the inauguration of this useful measure, and since then, during the whole tenure of Governor Hennessey's administration, the initiation of the work has been put off from time to time. We have already dilated upon the baneful effect of such procrastination on the best interests of the Colony, and in this instance private enterprise and the initiative of neighbouring Governments, such as the United States, have been called upon to fill the breach. The necessity for a "Weather Bureau" in Port, the aggregate of the commerce entering which exceeds four and a half million tons per annum, hardly calls for explanation. The necessity having been once recognised, the delay is wholly inexcusable. It is now considered almost an imperative duty throughout the civilized world to furnish shipping with the latest weather probabilities, and other matters connected with life and property. The interest and value attached to such predictions—particularly storm warnings—may be instanced by the New York *Herald's* sailing, which was delayed here in China, and which was the last of the season, as that journal's best work—the latest exhibition yet made in newspaper enterprise—a magnificent achievement in modern practical science. It has been conclusively shown that ninety-five per cent. of Mr. Bennett's predictions were fulfilled; and, as nothing succeeds like success, these sailing notices, which were received at first with derision, are now published regularly in the leading commercial and agricultural papers of England and France, as well as being incorporated in other international records. The procedure there practised is what is intended to be accomplished here in China, by the Coast Meteorological Service. The programme set forth by the Rev. Director of the China organisation is similar to that which was adopted by Mr. Bennett in the *Herald's* scheme. We are informed that, after a protracted comparison of weather reports on both sides of the Atlantic, culminated by the sailing notices of ship captains on the Atlantic and the Gulf, the *Herald's* Bureau was able to deduce the laws of Atlantic storm movements on which its weather predictions and European warnings are based. May Father Dechevrons accomplish as much for Eastern Asia and the Chinese Sea. It is much to be desired that the Government should do its duty in this matter, and when we consider the extent to which British interests are involved in the Coast Ports and Trade of China, the ineffectiveness of the local authorities in a matter of such vital importance becomes culpable in the extreme.

REUTERS' TELEGRAMS.

[SUPPLIED TO THE "CHINA MAIL"]

(Per E. E. & C. Telegraph Co.'s Line.)

EGYPT.

MILITARY PREPARATIONS CONTINUE.

LONDON, June 27.

Military preparations continue in England; 20,000 troops are ready to leave in case of necessity.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The next French Mail per S. S. *Yamat* may be expected to arrive here on the 20th inst. She brings London dates to the 26th May.

The next American Mail, per the O. & O. steamer, may be expected to reach this port on or about the 3rd July.

The steamer *Ping-pong* was docked at Kowloon this morning.

Remains are again ripe as to the fusion of the Pacific Mail Company's and the Occidental & Oriental Company's agencies, here; but until the announcement is made officially, we prefer to say nothing definite on the subject.

We would direct attention to a letter on the Korean Question, reproduced from the N. C. D. News, which contains some sensible and pointed remarks upon the new policy which, as we have frequently pointed out, is being introduced by China into her Treaties—viz., a kind of reciprocity is looked for where the most favoured-nation clause is applied.

The Agents (Messrs Gibb Livingston & Co.) inform us that the E. & A. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Cutterline* left Sydney on the 27th instant, for Hongkong and Queenland Ports. The E. & A. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Messina* arrived at Sydney on 28th inst., from Foochow, which port she left on 6th June. The *Kilmaree*, sailing under the E. & A. S. S. Co.'s flag, arrived at Melbourne on 26th instant, from Foochow, which port she left on the 6th June.

We have much pleasure in again announcing that the excellent Band of the Buffs will play in the Botanical Gardens, on Saturday evening, 1st July next, by moonlight, commencing at 9 p.m. The following is the programme:

MARCHE....."Bosmina".....Riviera
OVERTURE....."Le Serment".....Auber
VALSE....."Autre Foi".....Waldteufel
SELECTION....."La Sonnambula".....Bellini
CANTATA....."Betty".....Donizetti
GALOP....."Trikin Race".....Dumore

A CORRESPONDENT inquires of us whether, in connection with the so-called Californian war of retaliation on passenger-ships arriving from Hongkong, it is not possible for "two to play at that game." It may be so; but we trust that it will be a long time ere any such mean device be resorted to as that which has made Sydney and San Francisco so notorious. Quarantine rules are oppressive enough in themselves, even when imposed with the greatest justice and care; and any community which would sanction their abuse for political purposes must of necessity do serious injury to its reputation. Therefore we trust that no

such measure will ever be sanctioned or thought of in this British Colony.

At the Police Court this morning, before Mr. H. E. Woodhouse, M. Fuk was charged, with others not in custody, with obtaining by false pretences \$50 from Ho Yuk Kwong. The complainant in the case is a shopkeeper who came from Pootung the other day with the intention of emigrating to America. With this purpose in view he went, on the 13th instant, to the shop of the Man Tung On firm, and there purchased a passage ticket for the S. S. *Canton*, for which he paid \$50 to the defendant. Owing to the charter money not having been paid to that firm the Captain of the vessel would not receive him on board. After it had been proved that the defendant had only been employed in the firm as a clerk for a fortnight, Inspector Rivers stated that the Man Tung On firm, the charterers of the *Canton*, had absconded without paying the charter money, in consequence of which the vessel was not able to proceed. He also stated that the charterers had shipped \$15,000 worth of goods, and that he had been told that about 300 copies were placed in the same position as the complainant in the case.

We have received a copy of Mr. N. McCleod's book, the title of which (to be accurate) we give in full:—"Korea and the Lost Tribes of Israel, with Korean, Japanese and Israelitish illustrations: Dedicated to Great Britain, America, Germany, France and the other Teutonic nations of Europe, the supposed representatives of the Royal House of David, and the seed only of the Royal House of Ephraim, and the children of Israel their companions; and to the Jews or Judah, who are with them; also to China, Japan and Korea, the Shin-dai or Celestial race, of which are supposed to represent the Royal House of Israel or Ephraim and the Ten Lost Tribes; or all the House of Israel called Jacob his companions and fellows." Published for the Author partly at O. Levy and the Sei Shi Bunsha Co., Yokohama, and engraved in Tokio, 1879.

The right of translation and reproduction is reserved. It will be observed that the date is 1879, and we suppose the Treaties lately negotiated with Korea furnish the excuse for the re-distribution of this veritable literary curio. What amount of resemblance may exist between the Japanese and Koreans and the Lost Tribes of Israel, may be safely left to those more learned in such matters than we profess to be; but there needeth no ghost to come from the grave to assert that the likeness between Mr. McCleod's book and a literary production of any merit (even within the bounds of common sense) is exceedingly small. It is merely glossing over the matter to say that the author "evidently has hopelessly muddled his brain with subjects concerning which he either knows nothing, or upon which he is utterly incapable of making himself clear. The illustrations are fairly well copied, and the chart may include all that we now know geographically about Korea." But the letter-press is execrably printed, and is only excelled in badness by the composition of the author's sentences. Bad composition and worse spelling do not favour the reader's enjoyment of an incomprehensible book upon an out-of-the-way subject. As a curio Mr. McCleod's "Korea" takes high rank for reasons given above. It will prove to be amusing, and may also be harmless to most readers.

The settlement by Sir Thomas Wade of the lekin on opium at Tientsin has gone home, and it is hoped the conscience of the country will be satisfied by an import of £1. 10d per picul.—*Shanghai Mercury*.

The yacht *Leicester*, well known in Hongkong as a fast craft, has arrived in Shanghai. She is understood to be the property of Captain Brand, pilot. The passage up, however, occupied 14 days.—*Shanghai Courier*.

At the trial of the Austrian subject, in the Ningpo affair, who was acquitted, it came out in evidence that the gunboat captain was the only man in the house, that the Americans were not intruders, and that the gunboat captain gave them great provocation.—*Shanghai Mercury*.

In an article in *Annals*, published by the N. C. D. News the other day, the writer said:—"It is years ago, formal notice was given that if the Foreign Government was unable to suppress its piratical subjects the French Government would be obliged to intervene, and take the law into its own hands against its bad neighbor. No improvement followed, and in 1880 preparations were made for an Expedition to be led by Admiral Duperre, then Commander of the French Naval Forces in these regions. It is believed that some assurances were given by the Government of Tongking, promising improved behaviour; but these have not been fulfilled, and for months past the position has been intolerable."

We (Mercury) are favoured with the following interesting letter from "Tai Yuen-tao," dated April 16th, 1882:—"You may be glad to learn that Messy has arrived here, on a visit to the Governor Chang Tai-tung; they appear to be old acquaintances. Though Messy is an Englishman by birth, he is so thoroughly Chinese as Chang Tai-tung in everything excepting dress, both speech and general demeanour, although of opium and opium-fans, and his fearless denunciation of bribe-takers, and other such weaknesses of the official classes and their underlings; they are likely to accomplish something in this long-neglected province. The present programme appears to be, first, the thorough reorganization of the army, secondly, modification of long-outstanding difficulties with the neighbouring states; thirdly, eradication of useless officials from the staff, and brightening up of those that remain by reappointing before 6 a.m. at the palace, which sometimes last till afternoon; fourthly, advancement of all capable men of whatever tongue, nation or creed;

finally, encouragement of a location, western arts and sciences, &c., &c. In fact nothing Tai Yuen-tung, in the way of reform and progress in the path of rectitude.

Police Intelligence.

(Before H. E. Woodhouse, Esq.)

Wednesday, June 28.

A CHARGE AGAINST A CONSIDERABLE DISMISSED. P. O. Grieve was summoned for behaving in a disorderly manner in the house of Leostero Villanueva, boarding-house keeper, on the 26th instant.

The evidence of the complainant and his runner was to the effect that the defendant entered the complainant's house, No. 24 Bridges St., about seven o'clock on the evening of the 26th inst., and on being told by the complainant that he could not speak English, but that he would send for his runner, who could talk English, he abused the complainant. The defendant would not consent to speak to the runner for some time, and when he did, he enquired whether there was a certain man in the house. The runner replied that there was, and at the defendant's order went upstairs to enquire the book to see how long the man had been in the house. The book was shown him, and he then demanded the complainant to produce his license. The complainant next asked him if he was supplied with a warrant, and, being answered in the negative, refused to produce his license. The defendant thereupon hammered the table and caused the light to go out. The defendant then left, and the complainant reported the matter at the Station.

The defendant said while that on duty a man came to him and reported that a lady had been committed in a boarding-house. The man took the book, and the complainant's house where he enquired if they kept a register of the inmates and asked to see it. Defendant was taken upstairs, and the runner produced a book, after poring over which for some time and after talking with the complainant in his own language, he suddenly closed the book, and told the defendant that if he had no warrant he could not see it. The defendant replied that that there was no necessity for a warrant. The book was then put away, and the light blown out. He never had the book in his hand, nor did he use abusive language.

The man who reported the theft to the constable, said he had been in Hospital for six weeks, that he had been broken into, and some of his property stolen, and that the constable did not behave disorderly, but was civil to the complainant and his runner while making his enquiries.

The magistrate dismissed the summons.

ILL-TREATMENT OF AN OLD MAN.

Sit Ah-yau, shop owner, was charged with assaulting Leung Ahau, hawker, on the 27th instant.

The complainant, who is 62 years old, was walking along the Praya yesterday, and, observing the defendant who was engaged in packing sugar, being annoyed by him, he picked up a stick which he had thrown away, and with it he struck the defendant, telling him that if he killed any of the boys he would forfeit his own life. This rebuke angered the defendant, who told the old man that it was a good thing that he was not engaged in picking up the sugar, for he would have killed him too, remarking that \$200 would set the matter right. The defendant then seized hold of a broom, and struck the complainant several blows on the head.

The defendant pleaded, as an extenuating circumstance, that the old man was stealing the sugar, and refused to go away. He was fined \$2, and seven days' imprisonment with hard labour.

LARCENY AND ATTEMPT TO COMMIT SUICIDE.

Sung Ahang, butcher, was charged with stealing a purse from Yam Awong, rice-pouder, on the 27th inst. The defendant had stolen the purse from the complainant yesterday night, while the latter was lying in the Recreation Ground, where he had gone to enjoy the fresh air.

The defendant's story was that the constable who arrested him had asked him, several days ago, to become his informant, but not knowing any bad characters he refused. The constable had been angry with him over some, and last night seized him in the Recreation Ground, he seized him, and told the complainant, who was close by, to accuse him with the theft of his purse.

The latter part of his story was proved to be false. The complainant and his brother had caught the defendant the evening before, and afterwards handed him over to the constable. Two previous convictions were recorded against him, after which he was sentenced to three months' imprisonment with hard labour. A charge of attempting to commit suicide was also lodged against him. The constable on duty at the Charge Room had his attention drawn to the case in which the defendant was confined, when he found him with a silk scarf wrapped tightly round his neck, and pulling both ends of it; his tongue was protruding out of his mouth, and his eyes were almost ready to start out of their sockets. The constable took the scarf from him. This latter case was remanded.

THEFT OF A BATTLE.

Wong Ahn, grass-cutter, was convicted of stealing a battle from the ankle of the child of Ng Ah, married woman. The woman was making purchases in the market at Yau Mah Tai, and had the child strapped on her back, when the prisoner took the battle off, and was running away when the constable arrested him with the article in his possession. Sentence of three months' imprisonment with hard labour was imposed.

RECENT VISIT OF THE VICTORY OF NANKING TO SHANGHAI.

The recent visit of the Victory of Nanking to Shanghai has called forth the following interesting remarks from the N. C. D. News:—"The recent visit of our newly-appointed 'Victory' to the Foreign Settlements, and the fact that she was very opportunely timed, is a long time since His Excellency had any occasion to visit a place where the outward forms of civilisation would meet his eye, although he is not so unacquainted with foreigners as foreigners generally suppose. There is no alive a vague impression about this. The ship's company represents the stiffest and most stubborn phase of Chinese conservatism. He is supposed to be radically opposed to Western institutions, and to have made common cause with the anti-progressive Party which still rides rampant in Peking. This ship's company is a body of men, who are not only unacquainted with foreigners, but who are unconsciously require a Chinese statesman to have more regard to the interests of foreigners than to the interests of his own country. One hears it frequently said of the Grand Secretary Li that he only cares for foreigners as far as foreigners care for him. What do such people expect? It is reasonable to suppose that a statesman of this or any other country would place the welfare of a few strangers on a higher level of importance than that of his own countrymen. In anything so unreasonable looked for from the leading men of any European Power I

Surly not; and we, who see that mutual benefit is at any rate the highest object that foreigners in such a position as our own can be called upon to aim at, have no room for a national view of the question. There was a time in the history of China when mechanical appliances even of the rudest and simplest nature were regarded with suspicion, and when mobs of infuriated and misguided men smashed and burnt some of the most useful and precious inventions of an awakening age. China has long begun to emerge from this state of barbaric darkness. The things which have been principally looked upon as inventions of the devil, and when mobs of infuriated and misguided men smashed and burnt some of the most useful and precious inventions of an awakening age. China has long begun to emerge from this state of barbaric darkness. The things which have been principally looked upon as inventions of the devil, and when mobs of infuriated and misguided men smashed and burnt some of the most useful and precious inventions of an awakening age.

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